

Decision 04-03-023 March 16, 2004

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Approval of its 2003 Revenue Requirement and Related Estimates Under the Energy Resource recovery Account (ERRA); For Approval of its 2003 AB57 Trigger and Threshold Amounts; and For Approval of a Proposed Scope and Schedule for ERRA Proceedings.

Application 03-04-022
(Filed April 1, 2003;
Petition for Modification
filed February 13, 2004)

ORDER GRANTING MODIFICATION OF DECISION 04-01-048

Summary

This decision grants Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) petition to change the filing dates for consolidating Commission-authorized revenue requirements and unbundled rate level changes and for updating its Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) trigger and threshold amounts. The annual consolidated filing is now due on August 1st as part of SCE's annual ERRA forecast application and the updated ERRA trigger and threshold amounts are now due on April 1st as part of SCE's annual ERRA Advice Letter filing.

Background

Decision (D.) 04-01-048 authorized SCE to consolidate Commission-authorized revenue requirements and unbundled rate level changes in an annual April 1st ERRA reasonableness application and required SCE to file an annual

October 1st ERRA forecast application.¹ That decision also authorized SCE to update its ERRA trigger and threshold amounts in an annual February 1st ERRA Advice Letter filing.²

Subsequent to the issuance of D.04-01-048, the date for SCE's annual ERRA forecast application was changed to August 1st from October 1st, pursuant to D.04-01-050 issued in the Commission's procurement proceeding.³ That decision also required SCE to file an annual ERRA Advice Letter on April 1st.

Discussion

SCE's petition for modification seeks to conform D.04-01-048's requirements to the time changes authorized by the subsequent procurement decision and to promote rate stability by avoiding more rate changes than are necessary. The only other party to this proceeding, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, does not oppose the relief SCE seeks.

The grant of this petition would not materially change the requirements of D.04-01-048 because the proposed changes merely reschedule the time for complying with D.04-01-048. Absent any opposition to the petition and given SCE's intent to implement D.04-01-048 requirements on an efficient basis, the petition should be granted as requested.

¹ See Ordering Paragraph 7 of D.04-01-048.

² See Ordering Paragraph 12 of D.04-01-048.

³ Generation Procurement Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.01-10-024) proceeding.

Comment Period

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. The otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived pursuant to § 311(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Code.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael R. Peevey is the Assigned Commissioner and Michael J. Galvin is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. SCE is authorized to consolidate Commission-authorized revenue requirements and unbundled rate levels in an annual April 1st ERRA reasonableness application.
2. SCE is authorized to update its ERRA trigger and threshold amounts in an annual February 1st ERRA Advice Letter filing.
3. A subsequent decision in R.01-10-024 changed the date for SCE's annual ERRA forecast application and set an April 1st date for SCE to file an annual ERRA Advice Letter.
4. SCE seeks only to conform the requirements set forth in its ERRA decision to the revised dates set forth in D.04-01-050, the more recent procurement decision, and to promote rate stabilization.
5. There is no opposition to this petition.

Conclusions of Law

1. The petition should be granted to the extent addressed in the body of this order.
2. This decision should be effective immediately so that SCE can timely update its ERRA trigger and threshold amounts.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The annual date for Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to consolidate Commission-authorized revenue requirements and unbundled rate levels set forth in Ordering Paragraph (OP) 7 of Decision (D.) 04-01-048 shall be changed to August 1st from April 1st.

2. The annual date for SCE to update its yearly Energy Resource Recovery Account trigger and threshold amounts set forth in OP 12 of D.04-01-045 shall be changed to April 1st from February 1st.

3. Application 03-04-022 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 16, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

President

CARL W. WOOD

LORETTA M. LYNCH

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Commissioners